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SUBJECT: GERMAN REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON US/EC

DECLARAION

1. DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF ACTING SECRETARY, FRG AMBAS-  
SADOR VON STADEN CALLED DECEMBER 21 ON INSTRUCTIONS ON  
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY STABLER (EUR). VON STADEN SAID  
THAT IN ANTICIPATION OF FRG'S ASSUMING EC PRESIDENCY ON  
JANUARY 1 AND IN PREPARATION FOR JANUARY ,0-11 EC  
POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING, FRG WOULD WELCOME PRIOR TO  
JANUARY 10 ELABORATION OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO EC  
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS ON SHORTER, MORE ELOQUENT  
US-EC DECLARATION. FRG FOR ITS PART SHARED VIEW THAT NEW  
BEGINNING SHOULD BE MADE IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SHORTER DRAFT.

2. VON STADEN EMPHASIZED FRG VIEW THAT 1974 WOULD BE  
MOST IMPORTANT IN US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. FACT THAT FRG  
AND FRANCE WOULD BE IN EC CHAIR DURING NEXT YEAR WAS NOT  
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WITHOUT SIGNIFICANCE, PARTICULARLY WHEN VIEWED IN LIGHT OF

CLOSE MONTHLY GERMAN-FRENCH CONSULTATIONS UNDER FRANCO-GERMAN TREATY. VON STADEN ADDED THAT DURING ITS SIX MONTHS PRESIDENCY FRG WOULD WISH TO PLACE SPECIAL RELIANCE ON CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US.

3. VON STADEN SAID FRG REQUEST FOR ELABORATION OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS WAS NOT IN ITSELF A SUGGESTION THAT US SUBMIT A DRAFT, BUT RATHER WAS BASED ON THE THOUGHT THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE COULD BE BETTER ORIENTED IF FRG HAD A CLEARER IDEA AS TO WHAT WE MAY HAVE IN MIND FOR A SHORTER, MORE ELOQUENT DRAFT.

4. VON STADEN RECOGNIZED THE SHORTNESS OF TIME BEFORE JANUARY 10, PARTICULARLY WITH THE INTERVENING HOLIDAY SEASON, BUT REQUESTED THAT HIS DEMARCHE BE BROUGHT TO SECRETARY'S ATTENTION.

5. AFTER EXPRESSING HOPE THAT FRG PRESIDENCY WOULD CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO DEVELOPMENT OF US-EC RELATIONS, STABLER ASSURED VON STADEN THAT FRG REQUEST WOULD BE BROUGHT TO SECRETARY'S ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY.

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